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ANNEX E Coordination with Other Units

This annex provides the tank platoon leader with a checklist he can use in coordinating tactical operations with adjacent elements. The platoon must be prepared to use the procedures and considerations covered here in a variety of tactical situations.

PREPARATION FOR COORDINATION

The following table lists steps the platoon leader takes to prepare for the coordination.

COMPLETE?/ REMARKS	ACTION – Preparation for coordination
	Confirm the contact point and linkup time (from the company team OPORD and/or through the unit TOC).
	Ensure that correct, current SOI information is on hand.
	Confirm that contact points are covered, concealed, and easy to recognize. If a point is near a danger area, call higher headquarters and obtain permission to change it.
	Establish tactical security of the contact point, keeping vehicles in overwatch or hasty defensive positions (if applicable).

RECOGNITION CHECK

The following table lists steps the platoon leader takes in conducting a recognition check with other units.

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COMPLETE?/ REMARKS	ACTION – Recognition check
	Initiate long-range (far) recognition via FM/digital.
	Execute short-range (near) recognition with hand-and-arm signal, flags, VS-17 panels, or available means as specified in OPORD.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The following table lists the types of information the platoon leader will exchange with other units following linkup at the contact point.

COMPLETE?/ REMARKS	INFORMATION TO BE EXCHANGED – Following linkup
	Enemy and friendly situations, including applicable filter settings.
	Digital links.
	Control measures, including the following: Common operational picture (COP). Location of contact points. Location of checkpoints. Location of OPs, BPs, and the TOC. Location of routes (primary/alternate). Location of tentative objectives and subsequent BPs (if applicable). TRPs. SBF or ABF positions (if applicable).
	Tactical information, using the five-paragraph OPORD format.
	Time and place of next coordination.
	Information to be reported higher.

NOTE: Leaders of both units brief key information from the company/troop OPORD to confirm mutual understanding of enemy/friendly situations, maneuver and support plans, and command and signal information.

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